

GEORGE A. RICHMOND )  
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v. ) NO. 2:03-CV-159  
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SNAP-ON INCORPORATED )

This racial discrimination matter is before the Court to address a Motion for Summary Judgment filed by the defendant. Summary judgment is proper where no genuine issue of material fact exists and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. *Fed.R.Civ.P.* 56(c). In considering such a motion, the court must view the evidence and draw all reasonable inferences in favor of the nonmoving party. *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475 U.S. 574, 587 (1986). The central issue is "whether the evidence presents sufficient disagreement to require submission to a jury or whether it is so one-sided that one party must prevail as a matter of law." *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 251-52 (1986); *Vaughn v. Watkins Motor Lines, Inc.*, 291 F.3d 900, 903 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002).

Considering all the evidence in the light most favorable to the plaintiff and giving the plaintiff the benefit of all reasonable inferences, the Court finds that there is a material dispute of facts in regard to whether or not the plaintiff was the victim of a racially hostile work environment and whether he was subjected to retaliation for his decision to file charges of discrimination. See *Jackson v. Quanax Corp.*, 191 F.3d 647, 658 (6th Cir. 1999). Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the defendant's motion for summary judgment, in regard to a racially hostile work environment, is **DENIED**.

Pursuant to LR16.4 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, it is hereby **ORDERED** that this case proceed to mediation within the next sixty (60) days. It is also hereby **ORDERED** that the final pretrial and the trial of this cause are **CANCELLED**.

The parties shall report on the results of mediation on or before March 31, 2005. If mediation has been unsuccessful, this case will be reassigned for trial at that time.

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s/J. RONNIE GREER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE